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SUBJ: SIXTH CONGRESS OF LC MACEDONIA

1. SIXTH CONGRESS OF MACEDONIAN LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS, MEETING IN SKOPJE APRIL 10-12, ELECTED ANGEL CEMERSKI TO ANOTHER TERM AS PARTY PRESIDENT AND BORO DENKOV, CURRENTLY MEMBER OF LCY PRESIDUM, AS SECRETARY OF NEW EIGHT-MEMBER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. NEW PRESIDUM WILL HAVE 21 MEMBERS.

2. IN CONTRAST TO DENUNCIATIONS OF ITALY AND US (FOR ITS PARTICIPATION IN DARK IMAGE MANEUVERS) WHICH CAME OUT OF SLOVENIAN AND CROATIAN CONGRESSES, CEMERSKI'S ADDRESS MADE ONLY PASSING REFERENCE TO "IRREDENTIST FORCES IN ITALY". HOWEVER HE FOCUSED CRITICISM OF TREATMENT OF MACEDONIAN MINORITIES IN BULGARIA, GREECE AND ALBANIA, PLEDGING PARTY'S SUPPORT FOR THEIR STRUGGLE TO GAIN THEIR RIGHTS. DURING LATER DISCUSSIONS, ANOTHER SPEAKER RECITED YUGOSLAV VERSION OF "DISAPPEARANCE" OF MACEDONIAN MINORITY IN BULGARIA, REFERRING TO PROCESS BY WHICH BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT GRADUALLY CAME TO POINT OF DENYING THAT THERE IS

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MACEDONIAN MINORITY IN BULGARIA. ALTHOUGH CEMERSKI DISCUSSED

PARTY IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLES IN ABSTRACT TERMS AS PROBLEM OF LCY, SUBSEQUENT SPEAKERS REFERRED TO ANTISOCIALIST THEORIES WHICH HAD APPEARED IN SKOPJE UNIVERSITY PARTY ORGANIZATION AND ELSEWHERE.

3. PARTY WENT ON RECORD IN SUPPORT OF FREEDOM OF CREATIVITY IN ARTS, BUT CONTEXT MADE CLEAR THAT THIS FREEDOM SHOULD ENCOMPASS ONLY ART WHICH IS PROPERLY SOCIALISTIC IN ORIENTATION. CONGRESS ALSO REAFFIRMED DEMOCRATIC-CENTRALISM AS PROPER COURSE OF LC, INDICATING THAT PARTY WILL MAINTAIN ACTIVE LEADERSHIP ROLE IN YUGOSLAV SOCIETY.

4. COMMENT:WE CANNOT REMEMBER ANY RECENT YUGOSLAV REFERENCES TO MACEDONIAN MINORITY IN ALBANIA, WHICH MUST BE SMALL NUMBER. NIS ESTIMATES THAT ALL FOUR ETHNIC MINORITIES IN ALBANIA AMOUNT TO ONLY 4 PERCENT OF POPULATION, AND THERE IS NO REFERENCE TO MACEDONIAN MINORITY. REGARDLESS OF NUMBERS, IF MACEDONIANS PUSH ON THIS THEME, IT COULD BECOME A JARRING FACTOR IN HEITHERTO MORIBUND YUGOSLAV-ALBANIAN RELATIONSHIP - AS IT IS IN RELATIONS WITH BULGARIA AND GREECE.  
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